



**Minutes of Committee meeting held online (using Zoom)
on Tuesday 30 November 2021**

Present: Tony Bartlett, Fred Dunkerley, Bryan Hall, John Hobbs, David Porter and Sue Wood.

Apologies were received from Desmond Henley, Graham Mullaly and Andy Peddle.

Prior to the meeting, the committee received a presentation from Nadege of Plastic Free Ashford. It was agreed to review the campaign and advise her what actions SLRA could take.

ACTION DP/TB

Item 1: Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2: Minutes of meeting held on 29 September 2021

i. Approval

The minutes were agreed.

ii. Matters Arising

On the issue of the tree felling which had taken place on the Eastwell Estate adjacent to the A251, **BH** and **DP** said that they had written to the tree officer at ABC, who was aware of the case and had contacted Simon Ginnaw of Forestry England to request an update on our behalf. It was agreed to chase this if no further reply was received by the end of the year.

ACTION DP

Further matters arising were dealt with under the relevant agenda items.

Item 3: Planning for AGM, 15 March 2022

DP said that Sandyacres had been booked for 15 March 2022, but it remained possible that the AGM would have to be held virtually. If at Sandyacres, wine and soft drinks would be offered on arrival and tea/coffee at the end. Following complaints after the 2019 AGM, a PA system was desirable. **FD** offered to explore this with the Sandyacres Manager. **ACTION FD**
FD, JH, BH and **SW** offered to staff the reception desk. All present agreed to being nominated for re-election to the committee; **DP** would contact those not present. **ACTION DP**
BH confirmed that Tara Hall was willing to be one of the guest speakers and **TB** would contact the Police Chief Inspector, Ashford, to re-confirm as a guest speaker. **ACTION TB**
Several suggestions were made for alternative reserve speakers. The list of guests to be invited was agreed. A draft flyer would be circulated to committee members in January.

ACTION DP

Item 4: Planning for Queen's Platinum Jubilee

JH had coordinated the responses to a letter from the Chair which had been sent to members in October, seeking views on a family BBQ event at Sandyacres on Sunday 5 June 2022. He said the around 25 positive responses had been received, equivalent to approximately 50+ people. **FD** said that the Sandyacres Manager was very enthusiastic about holding such an event, though the Trustees were more apprehensive. In view of the need for event management skills, insurance, etc, it was agreed that Sandyacres should be encouraged to run the event, with promotional support from the SLRA. **FD** would discuss further with Sandyacres.

ACTION FD

TB raised a further idea to mark the Jubilee and it was agreed to examine likely costs before progressing this.

ACTION TB/SW

Item 5: Planning Issues

i. Eureka Park

It was noted that no reply had yet been received to the SLRA submission to the Quadrant Estates public consultation on "Trinity Lakes". The SLRA views had been quoted in a Kentish Express article on 7 October.

ii. Applications

It was noted that applications had been withdrawn for Lenacre Hall Farm (hybrid) and 172 Sandyhurst Lane.

Item 6: Traffic issues

TB discussed plans for improved safety measures in the Westwell part of Sandyhurst Lane; these would be implemented by KCC Highways in 2022 as part of the Westwell PC Highways Improvement Plan. It was agreed that it would be useful if these plans could be shared with Boughton Aluph & Eastwell PC, with a view to possible improved safety measures in their part of Sandyhurst Lane, particularly in view of the likely increased traffic volumes from the Eureka Park development.

ACTION BH/TB

Item 7: Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Residents' Association/Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that note that the Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parishes Neighbourhood Plan 2013-30 had been formally "made" (adopted) by Ashford Borough Council on 2 October 2021. It was understood that the Plan was now being used in the determination of planning applications.

Item 8 Sandyacres Trustee Board

A further discussion was held on the "Keep Off" signs which had been erected near the Sandyacres pitches. **FD** said that the Trustees were reviewing the issue and there were plans to erect a map showing the location of the Public Right of Way.

In response to an action from the previous meeting, **BH** reported that Boughton Aluph & Eastwell PC do not receive minutes of Sandyacres Trustee Board meetings.

Item 9: Consultations

There were no consultations appropriate for an SLRA response.

Item 10: Membership

DP said that membership was now 147, down from 150, 1 member having moved away and 1 new member having joined. 3 members had been deleted from the membership after repeated attempts to ask them to renew subscriptions for 2021.

Item 11: Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was not present. **DP** said that the current bank balance was £2,398.04, with liabilities of £30.

Item 12: Neighbourhood Watch

The latest Neighbourhood Watch database had been circulated. It was noted that Adam Brooks was the new PCSO for the area.

Item 13: Other business

There was no further business.

Item 14: Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6 January 2022, by Zoom.

ACTION DP